

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: September 21, 1955

FROM: SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT: FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - M

For the information of the Bureau and receiving offices, by letter dated March 3, 1955, the Bureau advised the Memphis and New Orleans Offices, in a letter from the Bureau to New Orleans, captioned "FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, IS - M," that no record of this organization was located in Bureau files. The letter added that no investigation of this organization was desired at that time, but that offices were instructed to be on the alert for information concerning activities of this Federation and to furnish the Bureau and interested offices promptly all pertinent information received.

On September 6, 1955, a Potential Security Informant (PSI), whose identity is set out in Memphis file [redacted] and who has furnished reliable information in the past, made available to Special Agent [redacted] of this office a three-page brochure issued by the FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, temporary headquarters - 801 American Bank Building, P. O. Box 86, New Orleans 6, Louisiana.

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This brochure reflected that one JOHN U. BARR was Temporary Chairman of the organization and that the following were members of the Interim Executive Committee, in addition to BARR:

ROBERT B. PATTERSON, Vice Chairman, Winona, Mississippi
(For information of receiving offices, PATTERSON is the

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1 - Miami (Info.) (ENCL. 1) (RM) THE KUKLOS KLAN)
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1 - Richmond (Info.) (ENCL. 1) (RM) COUNCILS OF MISS.)
1 - Savannah (Info.) (ENCL. 1) (RM)

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publicly admitted Secretary of the CITIZENS COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI, a mass organization with chapters in the majority of Mississippi Counties, purportedly aimed at legally combatting all forms of racial integration in State of Mississippi.)

Honorable WALTER C. GIVHAN, Safford, Alabama
Honorable JOE C. JENKINS, Gainesville, Florida
Honorable HUGH G. GRANT, Augusta, Georgia
W. M. SHAW, Homer, Louisiana
Honorable JOHN W. CLARK, Greensboro, North Carolina
FARLEY SMITH, Lynchburg, South Carolina
L. V. DuBOSE, Nashville, Tennessee
Honorable R. A. STUART, Fort Worth, Texas
R. B. CRAWFORD, Farmville, Virginia

This brochure identifies the Legal Committee as:

Honorable TOM P. BRADY, Brookhaven, Mississippi
Honorable LEANDER H. PEREZ, New Orleans, Louisiana
Honorable W. SCOTT WILKINSON, Shreveport, Louisiana

Enclosed herewith are two photostats of this brochure for the Bureau, and one photostat for each of receiving offices, which brochure is self-explanatory.

Also furnished by this PSI was a semi-blank form to be used by persons working on behalf of this organization to send copies of the brochure to possibly interested persons. This PSI advised that a large volume of this brochure had been received recently in Memphis, Tennessee, by [redacted] who resides at [redacted] Memphis. This Informant advised that [redacted] is a professional "race-baiter", one who has an unusual passion of hate for all Negroes and Jews, and [redacted] a mimeographed monthly "hate sheet" aimed at discrediting all Negroes and Jews. This "hate sheet" is known as "THE POLITICAL REPORTER." b7C b7D

This same PSI, who is familiar with many phases of [redacted] activities, described him as being the Imperial Wizard of the KNIGHTS OF THE KUKLOS KLAN, Memphis Klavern, and also as the Memphis organizer of the "PRO-SOUTHERNERS", a mass organization aimed at upholding racial segregation in the South. b7C b7D

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According to this PSI, [] also recently received a large number of the above-mentioned brochures apparently from [] Fort Pierce, Florida. This PSI said that some time back [] had written to [] requesting that the latter send to [] pro-segregation material which [] could distribute or sell and that in recent weeks [] had been busy mailing out large volumes of the above-mentioned brochures in the vicinity of Memphis, Tennessee.

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On May 17, 1954, [] advised Special Agent [] of the Miami Office, in a written report, maintained in Miami file [] that [] of Fort Pierce, Florida, was forming an organization known as PRO-SOUTHERNERS, a pro-segregation organization, and hoped that a nucleus of a KU KLUX KLAN type organization in Florida could be formed consisting of various leaders and members of PRO-SOUTHERNERS. According to this Informant, [] gave the definite impression that one of his co-partners in this venture would be [] of Memphis, Tennessee.

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The above-mentioned PSI advised that [] a very active member of PRO-SOUTHERNERS and possibly a member of the KNIGHTS OF THE KUKLOS KLAN is helping [] distribute copies of the above-mentioned brochure.

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The original copy of this brochure is being retained as 1A-1 of Memphis file [].

In view of the apparently prominent individuals connected with this organization and in view of the instructions set out by the Bureau, no investigation of this organization is being conducted unless advised to the contrary by the Bureau.

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Copies of this communication are being forwarded to those offices covering States in which chapters of this organization have been formed or in which they may be formed.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: December 7, 1955

FROM: SAC, New Orleans

SUBJECT: FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT
INTERNAL SECURITY - X

Rerep SA WRIGHT PATTON dated November 18, 1955, at New Orleans.

The Bureau has advised that inasmuch as rerep contains no information which should be classified "~~confidential~~," this report should be declassified. Offices receiving copies of this letter are instructed to declassify this report.

- 2 - Bureau (105-36394)
- 1 - Atlanta
- 1 - Birmingham
- 1 - Charlotte
- 1 - Dallas
- 1 - El Paso
- 1 - Houston
- 1 - Knoxville
- 1 - Little Rock
- 1 - Memphis
- 1 - Miami
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FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

TEMPORARY HEADQUARTERS 301 AMERICAN BANK BUILDING

P. O. Box 86
NEW ORLEANS 6, LA.

October, 1955

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SHREVEPORT, LA.

Dear Fellow American:

If our Republic is to be preserved, there must be co-ordinated effort on the part of each and every individual dedicated toward its preservation.

On the second page of this circular is Senator Eastland's plea for a nation-wide grass roots mobilization.

On page three is copy of Resolution adopted by a group that met in Jackson, Mississippi, under date of January 21st-22nd, 1955.

With Senator Eastland's full approval, we are laying the foundation for the national organization he pleads for.

Under the direction of group referred to in resolution, an Interim Executive Committee was formed and instructed to set up a permanent organization, and the Executive Committee is working towards that goal by attempting to get expressions of interest from a large number of people before calling another meeting.

Courageous political leaders at all levels, national, state and city must have organized support. If we fail them, they face defeat or discouragement.

We would appreciate your expression of interest if you agree with our effort by writing-us either a letter or a postal card. **Let us hear from you.**

Yours very truly,

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John U. Barr
Temporary Chairman

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Excerpts From Speech Made

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Senator James O. Eastland

It is essential that a nation-wide organization be set up. It will be a people's organization, an organization not controlled by fawning politicians who cater to organized racial pressure groups. A people's organization to fight the Court, to fight the C.I.O., to fight the N.A.A.C.P., and to fight all the conscienceless pressure groups who are attempting our destruction. We will mobilize and organize public opinion. We will attempt to pledge candidates in advance as they attempt to pledge them.

We are about to embark upon a great crusade, a crusade to restore Americanism, and return the control of our government to the people. In addition, our organization will carry on its banner the slogan of free enterprise and we will fight those organizations who attempt with much success to socialize industry, and the great medical profession of this country. This will give us recruits and add to our support in the North and West.

Before God, I now make the people of Mississippi this solemn promise: I will carry it in the North as well as in the South. We have no other alternative. The choice is between victory and defeat. Defeat means death, the death of Southern culture and our aspirations as an Anglo-Saxon people. With strong leadership and the loyalty and fortitude of a great people, we will climb the heights. Generations of Southerners yet unborn will cherish our memory because they will realize that the fight we now wage, will have preserved for them their untainted racial heritage, their culture, and the institutions of the Anglo-Saxon race. We of the South have seen the tides rise before. We know what it is to fight. We will carry the fight to victory.

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RESOLUTION

Adopted in Jackson, Mississippi, on January 22, 1955. Representatives from the eleven Deep South States were in attendance.

BE IT RESOLVED that a National Committee, to be named FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, be organized, consisting of two representatives or delegates from each participating state, for the purpose of coordinating and assisting the efforts of citizens of the several states in securing a return of constitutional government to the people of the United States.

The major objectives of the National Committee shall be to promote constitutional government, including the preservation of the independence of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Departments; the preservation of the sovereign rights of the several states, and the preservation of individual liberties, all of which are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution; to secure the nomination of candidates for office who subscribe to these principles; to resist the nomination of leftist candidates for President and Vice President and other offices, and oppose the adoption of Socialistic platforms; to seek in every honorable and legitimate way to prohibit the practice and to counteract the effects and consequences of executive agreements or orders, and of decisions of the Federal Courts and the United States Supreme Court which have wrongfully abrogated, modified, or amended the provisions of the United States Constitution which require a separation of powers between the three great departments of government, and of the Tenth Amendment which reserved to the States and the people all power not expressly granted by the Constitution to the Federal Government.

The said Committee is hereby authorized to adopt its own rules of procedure and to do all things, which it may in its discretion deem necessary to carry out the objectives outlined above.

The said Committee shall elect officers and select an Executive Committee and prescribe its powers and duties. The National Committee may set up State organizations, sub-committees or special committees, or work through or in cooperation with existing organizations that are in accord with the principles and the objectives set forth hereinabove.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Provisional Committee, consisting of two representatives of each state represented at this meeting today, be formed to promote and carry into effect the purposes of this Resolution until such time as each state organization, which it may approve, can select its two state representatives or delegates to serve on the National Committee.

John U. Barr
Temporary Chairman

801 American Bank Building
New Orleans, Louisiana

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI
 FROM : SAC, Memphis (105-148)
 SUBJECT: FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT
 INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: December 21, 1955

Re Little Rock airtel to the Director 11-2-55 captioned "WHITE AMERICA, INC.; INTERNAL SECURITY - X."

On 11-25-55 ROBERT B. PATTERSON, Winona, Miss., who has previously been identified as Executive Secretary of the Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi and Vice-Chairman of the Federation for Constitutional Government, was contacted by SA GEORGE A. EVERETT. PATTERSON stated that the Federation, which is a loose confederation of state organizations similar in purpose to the Citizens' Councils, was formed at Jackson, Mississippi in January, 1955. The meeting probably referred to by SA EVERETT, he said, was a meeting in October, 1955 of the Executive Committee of the Federation, of which he is a member. He said he attended the meeting, which was held at Jackson, Mississippi.

Mr. PATTERSON gave SA EVERETT the attached printed letter from JOHN U. BARR, Chairman, dated at New Orleans, La., "October, 1955," bearing on the back page a complete listing of the Advisory Committee by states. It will be noted that on the front page, the Interim Executive Committee differs from that quoted on page 31 of the report of SA GEORGE A. EVERETT dated 11-16-55 at Memphis entitled "ASSOCIATION OF CITIZENS' COUNCILS OF MISSISSIPPI," Bufile 105-34237, which includes J. A. STUBBS, Sumter, S. C. The attached letter lists in place of STUBBS, Hon. JOHN W. CLARK, Greensboro, N. C. and FARLEY SMITH, Lynchburg, S. C. Otherwise, the letter does not differ from that quoted in above mentioned report, except for the addition of the Advisory Committee on the back page.

For the benefit of all offices concerned, one photostatic copy of the JOHN U. BARR letter or pamphlet is attached.

- 2 - Bureau (Encl. 1) (RM) (105-36394)
- 1 - Little Rock (105-127) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - New Orleans (105-582) (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Birmingham (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Mobile (Encl. 1) (RM)
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- 1 - Charlotte (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (Encl. 1) (RM) 110
- 1 - Houston (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Norfolk (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 1 - Richmond (Encl. 1) (RM)
- 2 - Memphis (105-148)
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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

FROM: SAC, Memphis

SUBJECT: FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
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INTERNAL SECURITY - X

DATE: 1-12-56

Re Bureau airtel to Memphis and New Orleans dated December 30, 1955.

With regard to Memphis meeting referred to in referenced airtel, it was held in Memphis, Tennessee at the Hotel Peabody on December 28, 1955.

A lengthy newspaper account of this meeting appeared on page one, column one of the Thursday morning, December 29, 1955, issue of the Memphis Commercial Appeal, by reporter JAMES GUNTER, which is quoted as follows:

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- 2 - New Orleans (RM)
- 1 - Knoxville (RM)
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- 1 - Houston (RM)
- 1 - San Antonio (RM)
- 1 - Dallas (RM)
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- 1 - Little Rock (RM)
- 1 - Pittsburgh (RM)
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"A co-ordinating group to mold such Southern organizations as the Citizens Councils of Mississippi and the States' Rights Council of Georgia into an effective force against racial integration was formed here yesterday.

"The Federation for Constitutional Government elected an executive committee consisting of one member from each of 12 Southern states represented at the meeting.

"A legal committee then set about to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the group. The proposed constitution and by-laws were to be presented to the new executive committee at a later meeting last night.

"Members of the executive committee, 'with power to organize an aggressive campaign,' are:

"Micah Jenkins of Charleston, S. C.; R. B. Crawford of Farmville, Va.; Judge Tom P. Brady of Brookhaven, Miss.; W. M. Shaw of Homer, La.; J. Evetts Haley of Canyon, Texas; State Senator James D. Johnson of Crossett, Ark.; State Senator Walter C. Givhan of Safford, Ala.; T. Walker Lewis of Memphis; Joseph Jenkins of Gainesville, Fla.; Edward H. Malone of Louisburg, N. C.; Hugh G. Grant of Augusta, Ga., and Mrs. Hallie M. Kendall of Charleston, W. Va.

"Delegates said observers from New York and New Jersey were among those present.

"One of the first acts was to adopt a resolution supporting the State of Virginia in its 'doctrine of interposition' fight to 'nullify and void' racial decisions of the United States Supreme Court by legislative action.

"About 35 persons attended the secret meeting at Room 210 in the Peabody from 2 p.m. until after 6 p.m. The press was barred.

"Senator James Eastland (D., Miss.), a prime mover in the organization, said all those attending were pledged to secrecy and any statements must come from John U. Barr of New Orleans, interim chairman of the federation which had its beginnings at a meeting in Jackson, Miss., last Jan. 21-22.

"Mr. Barr was elected permanent chairman yesterday.

"Mr. Barr, who described himself as a New Orleans industrialist now devoting full time to the federation, made a plea to

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"the group for individual contributions to finance its work.

"This group needs organizing and needs organizing badly," he said.

"The group voted to restrict membership for the time being to those who attended the Jackson meeting plus the members of its advisory council. The advisory council is a group of about 10 persons in each of 10 Southern states.

"One man got up at the meeting and said he had been sent there as a representative of We, The People, an organization with headquarters in Chicago. He said he is supposed to report to the executive committee of We, The People, on what the Federation for Constitutional Government is. He said after attending the meeting he was unable to tell what it was.

"I need to know whether we can join the Federation, if we decide we want to join," he said.

"Up to now we are just a group of individuals, financed by individual contributions," Mr. Barr answered him. "We are going to co-ordinate the work of such groups as the Citizens Councils and the States' Rights Council of Georgia and the Committee for Individual Rights in Virginia."

"Reporters were told they could not enter the meeting by Harold Steibick of Yazoo City, Miss., who said he was acting as assistant to Mr. Barr.

"Atty. Gen. Eugene Cook of Georgia addressed the meeting. He said later he plans to fly back to Atlanta this afternoon.

"We'll be meeting all morning," Mr. Cook said.

"This is a bad time for us to get started, but we need to get going," Mr. Barr said. "This organization is restricted to the South now, but we have found supporters all over the nation. We've kept this thing under wraps until we knew our strength."

"Most of the representatives at the meeting apparently were from Arkansas and Mississippi.

"T. C. Waring of Charleston, S. C., said speakers in the afternoon session had outlined 'what ought to be done.'"

"Now we have to figure out how to do it," he added.

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"A reporter asked him who were the speakers. At that point, Mr. Streibick punched him and he stopped talking.

"Everyone at the meeting who was approached refused to discuss the proceedings. Mr. Barr said newspapers would have to wait for a formal statement he would prepare after it was all over.

"We just can't let you in,' Mr. Barr said. 'Someone may get up and say there is disharmony in the organization. Well, there is no disharmony in the organization and we don't want anything like that in the papers.'

"A statement issued by Mr. Streibick, Mr. Waring and Mr. Cook after the meeting said the federation will 'act as a co-ordinating and information development organization, and not interfere with the activities of presently existing patriotic organizations....'

"Representative L. Mendel Rivers (D., S. C.) introduced the interposition resolution calling on Legislatures of other states to support Virginia on the states' rights issue.

"The resolution traced the history of the interposition proposal in Virginia back to Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. It said in part:

"If the decision of the United States Supreme Court is permitted to stand, the states will have consented to abolishing their sovereign rights and the breaking down of orderly constitutional Government in America by an arrogant and dictatorial decree by a mere nine men... It is hoped that Virginians in authority today will lead the way to the restoration of constitutional government and the preservation of the sovereign rights of the states.

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Federation for Constitutional Government, in meeting this 28th day of December, 1955, that we commend the patriots of Virginia on their stand and respectfully urge the Legislature of Virginia to assert the "right of interposition" at the regular session of the Legislature in January, 1956 and respectfully urge the Legislatures of other states to support the position of Virginia in order to restore constitutional government in America and preserve the sovereign rights of the states.'

"The apparent purpose of the committee was to elect an executive committee, which Mr. Barr said would have 'absolute authority to rule.'

"There was much discussion at the meeting about whether the federation should be incorporated.

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Floyd Yates, Powhatan."

No inquiries have been made by this office relative
to the above meeting and UACB, no investigation will be conducted.

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of all offices concerning the states which are listed above as
having officers and advisory committee members of the instant
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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

Meeting of Federation for Constitutional Government held in Memphis, Tenn., on 12/28/55. Members of advisory committee set out. No other meeting planned in the near future.

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DETAILS:

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE, AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

The Memphis Commercial Appeal, a newspaper published daily in Memphis, Tennessee, in its December 29, 1955 issue carried the following story regarding a meeting of the Federation for Constitutional Government, which was held in Memphis, Tennessee, on December 28, 1955. This newspaper account of this meeting is quoted in part as follows:

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"A co-ordinating group to mold such Southern organizations as the Citizens Councils of Mississippi and the States' Rights Council of Georgia into an effective force against racial integration was formed here yesterday.

"The Federation for Constitutional Government elected an executive committee consisting of one member from each of 12 Southern states represented at the meeting.

"A legal committee then set about to draw up a constitution and by-laws for the group. The proposed constitution and by-laws were to be presented to the new executive committee at a later meeting last night.

"Members of the executive committee, 'with power to organize an aggressive campaign,' are:

"Micah Jenkins of Charleston, S. C.; R. B. Crawford of Farmville, Va.; Judge Tom P. Brady of Brookhaven, Miss.; W. M. Shaw of Homer, La.; J. Evetts Haley of Canyon, Texas; State Senator James D. Johnson of Crossett, Ark.; State Senator Walter C. Givhan of Safford, Ala.; T. Walker Lewis of Memphis; Joseph Jenkins of Gainesville, Fla.; Edward H. Malone of Louisburg, N. C.; Hugh G. Grant of Augusta, Ga., and Mrs. Hallie M. Kendall of Charleston, W. Va.

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"One of the first acts was to adopt a resolution supporting the State of Virginia in its 'doctrine of interposition' fight to 'nullify and void' racial decisions of the United States Supreme Court by legislative action.

"Senator James Eastland (D., Miss.), a prime mover in the organization, said all those attending were pledged to secrecy and any statements must come from John U. Barr of New Orleans, interim chairman of the federation which had its beginnings at a meeting in Jackson, Miss., last Jan. 21-22.

"T. C. Waring of Charleston, S. C., said speakers in the afternoon session had outlined 'what ought to be done.'

"Representative L. Mendel Rivers (D., S. C.) introduced the interposition resolution calling on Legislatures of other states to support Virginia on the states' rights issue.

"The resolution traced the history of the interposition proposal in Virginia back to Thomas Jefferson and James Madison. It said in part:

"If the decision of the United States Supreme Court is permitted to stand, the states will have consented to abolishing their sovereign rights and the breaking down of orderly constitutional Government in America by an arrogant and dictatorial decree by a mere nine men ... It is hoped that Virginians in authority today will lead the way to the restoration of constitutional government and the preservation of the sovereign rights of the states.

"Therefore, be it resolved by the Federation for Constitutional Government, in meeting this 28th day of December, 1955, that we commend the patriots of Virginia on their stand and respectfully urge the Legislature of Virginia to assert the "right of interposition" at the regular session of the Legislature in January, 1956 and respectfully urge the

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the Legislatures of other states to support the position of Virginia in order to restore constitutional government in America and preserve the sovereign rights of the states.'

"A speech by Senator Eastland was printed on a circular handed out at the meeting.

"It is essential that a nationwide organization be set up,' the senator was quoted as saying. 'It will be a people's organization, an organization not controlled by fawning politicians who cater to organized racial pressure groups. A people's organization to fight the Court, to fight the CIO, to fight the NAACP and to fight all the conscienceless pressure groups who are attempting our destruction. We will mobilize and organize public opinion. We will attempt to pledge candidates in advance as they attempt to pledge them.'

"The quoted speech continued:

"We are about to embark upon a great crusade, a crusade to restore Americanism and return the control of our government to the people. In addition, our organization will carry on its banner the slogan of free enterprise and we will fight these organizations who attempt with much success to socialize industry, and the great medical profession of this country. This will give us recruits and add to our support in the North and West.

"Defeat means death, the death of Southern culture and our aspirations as an Anglo-Saxon people. With strong leadership and the loyalty and fortitude of a great people, we will climb the heights. Generations of Southerners yet unborn will cherish our memory because they will realize that the fight we now wage will have preserved for them their untainted racial heritage, their culture, and the institutions of the Anglo-Saxon race.'

II. OFFICERS

"Members of the organizations's legal committee are Tom P. Brady of Brookhaven, Miss.; Leander H. Perez of New Orleans and W. Scott Wilkinson of Shreveport.

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III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

"Up to now we are just a group of individuals, financed by individual contributions. We are going to co-ordinate the work of such groups as the Citizens Councils and the States' Rights Council of Georgia and the Committee for Individual Rights in Virginia."

"A statement issued by Mr. Streibick, Mr. Waring and Mr. Cook after the meeting said the federation will 'act as a co-ordinating and information development organization, and not interfere with the activities of presently existing patriotic organizations ...'"

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IV. MISCELLANEOUS

By pretext interview on January 23, 1956, it was determined that the headquarters of this organization are 801 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, and that JOHN U. BARR, New Orleans industrialist, is in charge of the office and is the temporary chairman of this organization.

Information was obtained that this organization will act in any advisory capacity to citizens' groups organized throughout the southern states. There are no membership fees, but contributions to finance this organization's work will be accepted. The organization has not as yet incorporated and the question of incorporation has been referred to the legal committee.

No date has been set for any future meetings of this organization.

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Copies of this report are being sent to offices in the southern states covered by this organization.

The pretext investigation referred to in the details was a pretext telephone call to the secretary of JOHN U. BARR, who is the temporary chairman, and in charge of this organization at 801 American Bank Building.

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NEW ORLEANS DIVISION:

AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will follow and report the activities of this organization.

REFERENCE

Report of SA WRIGHT PATTON, New Orleans, La., dated 11/18/55.

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Re Memphis letter to the Bureau 1/12/56.

An article appearing in the Dallas Times Herald, a daily Dallas newspaper, dated 3/1/56, reflects that J. EVETTS HALEY, Canyon, Texas, had filed for candidate for Governor of Texas. HALEY's announcement advanced the Doctrine of Interposition as sole reason for running. This article reflected that HALEY is fifty-five years of age, presently resides Canyon, Texas and was appointed by Governor SHIVERS as a Regent of Texas Technical College, Lubbock, Texas.

Referenced letter reflects that J. EVETTS HALEY of Canyon, Texas, is a member of the Executive Committee of captioned organization.

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New Candidate In Race; Shivers Decision Tonight

By MARGARET MAYER
Times Herald Austin Bureau

Austin, March 1.—Texas politics vibrated today in anticipation of the plans of Gov. Allan Shivers and with a surprise entry in the highly fluid race for governor.

J. Evetts Haley, Panhandle rancher and writer, was the latest candidate in a race that has been teeming with uncertainty for months. His announcement advanced the doctrine of interposition as his sole reason for running.

Gov. Shivers, scheduled to tell his plans on 20 television stations across the state tonight, was expected to emphasize the same theme as the conservative battle cry for coming political wars.

Gov. Shivers will be televised on KFJZ-TV at 7:15 p. m. and WFAA-TV at 9:30 p. m. Thursday.

The program is to be repeated on 34 radio stations Friday, including KRLD, The Times Herald station, which has the talk scheduled for 1 p. m.

The talk will be broadcast by WFAA-820 at 6:30 a. m. Friday.

The talk has been closely guarded to prevent a premature disclosure. The Governor's friends do not expect him to announce for a fourth term but rather to assert his leadership of conservative Democratic forces and fire up support for the coming Democratic presidential conventions.

To many Capitol observers, Haley displaced candidate Ray-
en Senterfitt of San Saba as
the most conservative man in
the race for governor and closed
the ranks on the far right.

Well known as a historian,
he has long taken an active
part in politics in West Texas,
though not as a candidate.

Shivers announced today that
he will hold a press conference
Monday. The Governor has de-
clined comment until that time
of the candidacy of President
Eisenhower, whom he supported



NEW CANDIDATE.
J. Evetts Haley of Canyon,
in the Texas Panhandle,
has announced that he's a
Democratic candidate in the
governor's race. Haley, a
writer and rancher, says he
is a constitutionalist and is
a strong advocate for use of
the doctrine of interposition
by the state.—AP Wire-
photo.

in defiance of the Democratic
Party in 1952.

In the midst of this was a
flurry over campaign contribu-
tions, stemming from congres-
sional investigations of the same
issue.

Senterfitt jumped on the dis-
closure by Yarborough that he
had received campaign funds
from Elmer Patman, attorney
for Superior Oil Co., and urged
that legislative investigating
committees look into other such
gifts.

Haley, 55 years old, was born
in Belton and reared in Midland.
He now lives in Canyon. He is
a regent of Texas Tech College
in Lubbock, by appointment of
Gov. Shivers, and has been
president and field secretary of
the Panhandle Historical So-
ciety.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

No recent meetings of FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT known to have been held. Organization continues to mail out literature from its headquarters, 801 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

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DETAILS:I. ORIGIN, SCOPE, AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

On March 8, 1956, JOHN U. BARR, chairman of the Federation for Constitutional Government, 801 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana, mailed out a pamphlet concerning the Federation for Constitutional Government. This pamphlet is quoted in part as follows:

" A BIT OF HISTORY

"Like the self-appointed members of the first Continental Congress a group of Southern leaders met at Jackson, Mississippi January 21-22, 1955 to effect an organization to co-ordinate the efforts of individuals and organizations

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"dedicated to the preservation of the Republic and the Constitution under which it grew so great.

"It was resolved that a national committee to be called **FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT** be organized for the purpose of co-ordinating and assisting the efforts of the citizens of the several states in securing a return of constitutional government to the people of the United States*.

"An interim executive committee was appointed to complete the organization and work out details of procedure.

"The interim committee, after discussion and planning, met with the advisory committee at Memphis on December 28th and 29th, 1955, where the representatives of 12 Southern states launched the **FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT**.

"A spokesman for the Federation announced that it will act as a co-ordinating and information-development organization and that it was not its purpose to interfere with the activities of presently existing patriotic organizations or those that may come into existence." He stated further: "Courageous political leaders at all levels-- national, state and city -- must have organized support. If we fail them, they face defeat and discouragement. Remember, the minority pressure groups are united and untiring."

This pamphlet was mailed out by the **FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT** on March 8, 1956; also, the following letter signed by **JOHN U. BARR**, chairman of the **FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT**:

"Dear Fellow American -

A termite is so small and weak that you can crush hundreds of them in one footfall.

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"But don't underestimate his power. Multiplying rapidly, boring from within, termites can destroy a strongly-built house in short order. Working silently, unseen and relentlessly they will undermine your house so that great will be the fall thereof.

"Depressions, storms, floods, wars and atomic bombs may come at any time. We can survive even if the majority of our population is destroyed. But if the framework of our Republic - our Constitution - is eaten away by termites, organized into great "colonies" - evil forces that work insidiously and untiringly to crash the noblest political structure ever erected by MAN - our rights, liberty and property will be destroyed and life will then not be worth living.

"This is the ever present danger."

"Now while the goose honks high, prosperity is rampant and we never had it so good, let us not forget or overlook the deadly destroyers - those who would alter or shelve the Charter of our Freedom. Some of these are honest and well-intentioned (Hell is paved with good intentions), some are selfish persons looking after their own interests, some are demagogues seeking votes and others represent the forces of disorder and revolution. These last use the others to achieve their nefarious aims.

"Although America is blessed with great natural resources, the United States has grown great because our Constitution permitted the greatest economic freedom as well as individual freedom consistent with the rights of all. Tamper with or do away with these privileges, rights and safeguards and you endanger our whole civilization.

"Many leading business men, statesmen and patriotic citizens are giving money and their time without consideration to help save America. Won't you help ward off the unseen danger?

"Using the attached card, send in your subscription today."

The "Times-Picayune" of March 2, 1956, page 5, column 4, a newspaper published daily in New Orleans, carried the following address made by JOHN U. BARR, of the FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT:

"BARR CRITICIZES U. S. HIGH COURT

"Says Judicial Misfits Wear
Justice Robes

"JOHN U. BARR, chairman of the executive committee of the FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, criticized the United States supreme court in an address Thursday before the Executives' Club of Louisiana, Inc.

"The black robes of federal justice, he said, are now worn by men who are 'judicial misfits, the products of more than 20 years of poorly concealed socialism. They are typical types envisioned by the founders of socialism - judges who, with Marx and Engels, believe that government of, for and by the people is a grave error.

"They shun, despise and desecrate the words and acts of the founders of this great nation, the immortal men and women who fashioned our form of government, our Bill of Rights.

"Forget for a moment, if you can, the question of the judicial treason of nine black robes in the segregation case. For, I think it is treason to swear to protect and defend the Constitution, and then to ignore, forget and befool that sacred oath and the document by illegally telling the 'governed' to meekly accept an alien, illegal and time-soiled tissue of European theory, written by a known, self-confessed follower of socialism and statism just as it was set forth by the early Marx, Engels, and the later Trotsky, Lenin and Stalin."

II OFFICERS

The letter and pamphlet mentioned above listed the following officers of the FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

JOHN U. BARR, CHAIRMAN
New Orleans, La.

MRS. F. R. CARLTON, VICE-CHAIRMAN
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Safford, Ala.

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Gainsville, Fla.

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Homer, La.

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Louisburg, N.C.

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Memphis, Tenn.

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Farmville, Va.

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Crossett, Ark.

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Augusta, Ga.

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Brookhaven, Miss.

MICAH JENKINS
Charleston, S.C.

J. EVETTS HALEY
Canyon, Texas

MRS. HALLIE M. KENDALL
Charleston, W. Va.

III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The pamphlet mentioned first above set out the purpose of the FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT as follows:

"THE PURPOSE OF THE FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

"As per the resolution adopted at the Jackson meeting, the major objectives of the Federation are:

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"--to promote constitutional government, including the preservation of the independence of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial departments.

"--the preservation of the sovereign rights of the several states, and the preservation of individual liberties, all of which are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution.

"--to secure the nomination of candidates for office who subscribe to these principles.

"--to resist the nomination of the leftist candidates for President and Vice-President and other offices, and oppose the adoption of Socialistic platforms.

"--to seek in every honorable and legitimate way to prohibit the practice and to counteract the effects and consequences of executive agreements or orders, and of decisions of the Federal Courts and the United States Supreme Court which have wrongfully abrogated, modified, or amended the provisions of the United States Constitution which require a separation of powers between three great departments of government, and of the Tenth Amendment which reserved to the States and the people all power not expressly granted by the Constitution to the Federal Government.

"Today there are literally hundreds of patriotic organizations sincerely trying, and, to some degree, doing a good job of combatting the destructive forces assailing our country. But most, if not all, are seriously handicapped for lack of funds. Furthermore, each in concentrating on some particular objective, seemingly most important to it, with no co-ordination with any other group. Often it competes with another group with the same aim, thus there is a dissipation of strength as well as money expenditure.

"Efforts have been made to bring some of these organizations together in order to combine their activities, but due to human nature and the desire to maintain leadership they have not succeeded.

"To preserve our Republic there must be a nationally co-ordinated effort on the part of individuals and organizations dedicated

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"to its preservation. The FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT will work through or in cooperation with existing organizations that are in accord with its principles.

"HOW THE FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL
GOVERNMENT WILL OPERATE

"Under the authority of a Board of Directors and Executive Committee a national secretary with his staff will conduct the following operations:

"Governmental Liaison Representative -- He will maintain contacts with Congress and U. S. Government bureaus and keep the Federation informed on matters affecting it and its policies.

"Legal Department -- It will furnish legal talent in the trial of cases in which the Federation has an interest. Another section will conduct continuous research and make reports on state and federal cases in which the Federation may be interested.

"Research Department -- Its director will prepare and keep for reference information and material issued by government bureaus, file and index Congressional committee reports and hearings and all material pertinent to the affairs of the Federation. It will also clip and collect newspapers and such material will be available to speakers and others interested.

"Public Relations Department -- Will prepare and disseminate publicity, press releases and statements as well as preparing material for radio and TV. It will also prepare and circulate pamphlets, brochures, speeches and publicity material, and edit and publish the magazine of the Federation.

"Speakers Division -- It will furnish competent speakers and lecturers where needed, or arrange for speakers at important events, and furnish material for talks and speeches..

"Organizational Section -- Will train teams and individuals to be sent out to organize or to help groups organize when same is requested or deemed necessary."

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SYNOPSIS:

Federation for Constitutional Government continues to mail out literature from its headquarters, 801 American Bank Building, New Orleans, La. No recent meetings known to have been held.

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DETAILS: AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

GENERAL ACTIVITIES

On April 20, 1956, subject organization mailed out literature from its headquarters, 801 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana. One piece of this literature was a reprint of an article published in the May, 1953, Reader's Digest entitled "The Truth About the Immigration Act." This article was written by FRANCIS E. WALTER, Democratic Representative from Pennsylvania and co-author of the McCarran - Walter Immigration and Nationality Act.

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This article defended the Immigration Act and set out its background. It stated that some of the attack on the act had been political -- as a result of the mistaken idea of some politicians that a barsdown Immigration Law is the way to win votes from so-called minority groups in this country. This article went on to state that the most vicious and violent part of the attack had been led by Communists and left-wing organizations rightfully fearful of its more rigid restraints on subversives.

Also mailed out by subject organization on April 20, 1956, was a pamphlet entitled "Imperative Call To Action For All Patriots." This pamphlet is quoted in part as follows:

"IMPERATIVE CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL PATRIOTS

"THE CAMPAIGN TO MURDER the Immigration and Nationality Act (MC CARRAN-WALTER ACT) is NOW under way. THE Leftist forces -- The Communists and their dupes -- WANT to destroy this vital bulwark to our internal security -- Politicians of both parties, to woo the so-called minority bloc vote, are bidding against one another in the drive to extract the teeth from the McCarran-Walter Act and open THE RAMPARTS to untold numbers of immigrants, irrespective of their country of origin or desirability.

"They would gut the MC CARRAN-WALTER LAW which CONGRESS studied for many months and then PASSED over the VETO OF MR. TRUMAN.

"They would allow an increase of almost 40% in the quota of immigrants per year and DESTROY our RIGHT OF SELECTION by making all UNUSED QUOTAS available to ASIATICS AND AFRICANS."

This pamphlet also set out testimony given by ABRAHAM GREENBERG, Executive Secretary of "American Committee for the Protection of Foreign Born", before the U. S. Senate Judiciary Committee (pages 6 to 18 of official record), on June 22, 1954. It stated that the American Committee for the Protection of the Foreign Born had been cited as a subversive organization to fight and destroy the McCarran - Walter Law.

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On May 9, 1956, subject organization mailed out a reprint of the congressional record of a speech in the House of Representatives by Representative JOHN BELL WILLIAMS, which was delivered on Tuesday, March 27, 1956. Subject organization on June 12, 1956, mailed out reprints of the congressional record of an address made in the House of Representatives by Representative JAMES C. DAVIS on February 27, 1956, and also an address by Representative JOHN BELL WILLIAMS in the House of Representatives on January 25, 1956.

These speeches were critical of the recent decision of the Supreme Court regarding segregation and questioned the wisdom of this decision.

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SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:

During January 1955 group of representatives from the eleven Deep South States assembled in Jackson, Miss., to organize and authorize an interim executive and legal committee to create a permanent organization known as "Federation For Constitutional Government." Resolution drawn up at this meeting. JOHN U. BARR, prominent New Orleans, La., businessman, listed as chairman of interim executive committee. Other members of interim executive and legal committees set out. Proposed charter and bylaws to be submitted by interim executive committee at next general meeting to be held some time in first part of 1956.

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DETAILS:

I. ORIGIN, SCOPE, AND GENERAL ACTIVITIES

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By communication dated June 25, 1955, Reverend [redacted] Port Gibson, Mississippi, furnished a letter which he had received on the stationery of the captioned organization dated June 7, 1955. This letter was signed by JOHN U. BARR, Chairman, Interim

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Executive Committee. With this letter was a resolution drawn up by the interim executive committee of the captioned organization. Headquarters for this organization is shown as 801 American Bank Building, New Orleans, Louisiana.

This letter, dated June 7, 1955, is quoted as follows:

"FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT

"Temporary Headquarters - 801 American Bank Building

"P. O. Box 86

"New Orleans 6, La.

"June 7th, 1955

"To Individual Addressed:

"During January of 1955, a group of representatives from the eleven Deep South States assembled in Jackson, Mississippi, to organize and authorize an Interim Executive and Legal Committee to create a permanent organization to be known as: "FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT".

"A copy of their Resolution is attached.

"By authority of this Resolution, the Interim Executive Committee is proceeding to set up a permanent organization and prepare the program for future activity.

"The Legal Committee has prepared a proposed Charter and By-Laws, which the Interim Executive Committee will submit to the next general meeting.

"We submit this because we have reason to believe that you are vitally interested.

"Courageous political leaders at all levels, national, state and city must have organized support. If we fail them, they face defeat or discouragement.

"If our Republic is to be preserved, there must be co-ordinated effort on the part of each and every individual dedicated toward its preservation.

"An expression of your interest will be appreciated.

"Sincerely,

"/s/ Jno. U. Barr

"John U. Barr, Chairman

"Interim Executive Committee"

"JUB/kk

II. OFFICERS

The above letter dated June 7, 1955, written on the stationery of captioned organization lists the following individuals as members of the interim executive and legal committees to create a permanent organization to be known as the Federation For Constitutional Government:

"Interim Executive Committee:

JOHN U. BARR, Chairman, New Orleans, La.
ROBERT B. PATTERSON, Vice-chairman, Winona, Miss.
Hon. WALTER C. GIVHAN, Safford, Ala.
Hon. JOE C. JENKINS, Gainesville, Fla.
Hon. HUGH G. GRANT, Augusta, Ga.

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W. M. SHAW, Homer, La.
J. A. STUBBS, Sumter, S. C.
L. V. DU BOSE, Nashville, Tenn.
Hon. R. A. STUART, Fort Worth, Texas
R. B. CRAWFORD, Farmville, Va.

"Legal Committee:

Hon. TOM P. BRADY, Brookhaven, Miss.
Hon. LEANDER H. PEREZ, New Orleans, La.
Hon. W. SCOTT WILKINSON, Shreveport, La."

The records of the New Orleans Retailers Credit Bureau on November 17, 1955, reflected that JOHN U. BARR, 801 American Bank Building, was formerly the owner of the Federal Tire Mills in New Orleans, one of the largest rope and cordage manufacturing concerns in the South. He is described as an industrialist and as having large financial interests in New Orleans. He is director of the American National Bank, one of the largest banks in New Orleans. He also has financial interests in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. Credit records reflect that he is well regarded in business circles.

[redacted] attorney in New Orleans, advised on November 17, 1955, that JOHN U. BARR is one of the leading citizens in New Orleans and is highly regarded. [redacted] further advised that Honorable LEANDER H. PEREZ, who is listed as a member of the legal committee of captioned organization, is the District Attorney for Plaquemines and St. Bernard Parishes in the state of Louisiana and is a leading citizen in the state. [redacted] advised that Honorable W. SCOTT WILKINSON of Shreveport, Louisiana, who is listed as a member of the legal committee of captioned organization, is a reputable attorney. b7C

The New Orleans States, a daily newspaper published in New Orleans, issue of October 26, 1955, stated that TOM P. BRADY, Brookhaven, Mississippi, is the Circuit Judge of the 14th Circuit Court District, which embraces several counties in south Mississippi. TOM P. BRADY is listed as a member of the legal committee of this organization.

III. STATED AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The resolution adopted in Jackson, Mississippi, on January 22, 1955, by representatives from the eleven Deep South States is as follows:

"RESOLUTION

"BE IT RESOLVED that a National Committee, to be named FEDERATION FOR CONSTITUTIONAL GOVERNMENT, be organized, consisting of two representatives or delegates from each participating state, for the purpose of coordinating and assisting the efforts of citizens of the several states in securing a return of constitutional government to the people of the United States.

"The major objectives of the National Committee shall be to promote constitutional government, including the preservation of the independence of the Legislative, Executive, and Judicial Departments; the preservation of the sovereign rights of the several states, and the preservation of individual liberties, all of which are guaranteed by the Federal Constitution; to secure the nomination of candidates for office who subscribe to these principles; to resist the nomination of leftist candidates for President and Vice President and other offices, and oppose the adoption of Socialistic platforms; to seek in every honorable and legitimate way to prohibit the practice and to counteract the effects and consequences of executive agreements or orders, and of decisions of the Federal Courts and the United States Supreme Court which have wrongfully abrogated, modified, or amended the provisions of the United States Constitution which require a separation of powers between the three great departments of government, and of the Tenth Amendment which reserved to the States and the people all power not expressly granted by the Constitution to the Federal Government.

"The said Committee is hereby authorized to adopt its own rules of procedure and to do all things, which it may in its discretion deem necessary to carry out the objectives outlined above.

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"The said Committee shall elect officers and select an Executive Committee and prescribe its powers and duties. The National Committee may set up State organizations, subcommittees or special committees, or work through or in cooperation with existing organizations that are in accord with the principles and the objectives set forth hereinabove.

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a Provisional Committee, consisting of two representatives of each state represented at this meeting today, be formed to promote and carry into effect the purposes of this Resolution until such time as each state organization, which it may approve, can select its two state representatives or delegates to serve on the National Committee."

IV. SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

No information has been received that the above organization has adopted the policy of advocating or approving the commission of acts of force or violence to deny others their rights under the Constitution, or that any member of the above mentioned committees is a member of, or sympathetic to, any subversive organization.

V. MISCELLANEOUS

By pretext interview on November 17, 1955, it was determined that the interim executive and legal committees, mentioned above, had met only one time, that being on January 22, 1955, at Jackson, Mississippi. During this interview it was determined that the interim executive committee is proceeding to set up a permanent organization and to prepare the program for future activity. The legal committee is preparing a proposed charter and bylaws which the interim executive committee will submit to the next general meeting. The exact date and place of the next general meeting has not yet been definitely decided upon but the committee plans tentatively to have this meeting some time during the first part of 1956.

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Copies of this report are being sent to offices covering the eleven Deep South States covered by the Federation For Constitutional Government for informational purposes.

The pretext interview referred to in the details of this report was a pretext telephone call to the secretary of JOHN U. BARR, Chairman of the Interim Executive Committee of the Federation For Constitutional Government. This interview was conducted by SA WRIGHT PATTON.

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AT NEW ORLEANS, LOUISIANA

Will follow and report the activities of the captioned organization.

REFERENCE

Bureau letter to New Orleans dated October 5, 1955.

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